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Office of Portfolio Reengineering  
Department of Housing & Urban Development  
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc. (NESF) is a non profit organization serving over 30,000 individuals and families annually who are in need of emergency services. The primary need of many requesting NESF's services is housing i.e., rental assistance and shelter.

Over the years, we have worked with the HUD Tenants' Coalition in a number of joint endeavors to highlight the need for affordable housing in the Newark area. The changes in the welfare regulations and emergency assistance will mean that it will be more important than ever to preserve the affordable housing units which currently exist in the Newark area. A key component in their preservation is that residents in the buildings be organized, involved, and aware of their rights.

Over the years, there has been one place tenants in the Newark area could turn for this kind of information; the HUD Tenants' Coalition. We strongly support the application by the HUD Tenants Coalition ~~and the Tenant Preservation Project~~ for an outreach and training grant from the Department of Housing & Urban Development. Newark Emergency Services for Families will participate by sharing information about resident rights in our network of service providers and clients.

Sincerely,

  
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